GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:29
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EXPANSION OF RAJAJI NATIONAL PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajaji National Park situated in Uttranchal has been expanded or is being expanded;

(b) if so, the area which is likely to be covered and the proposed plan for the rehabilitation of the original inhabitants of the area; and

(c) if not, the reasons for which the villagers of these areas are being asked to evacuate their villages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) No, Sir.
(b) Does not arise.
(c) No revenue villages are being relocated. However, as per the settlement of the National Park previously carried by the respective District Magistrates, encroachments and areas of which leases have expired are being freed from encroachment as per the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.